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A regular meeting of the Stamford Police Commission was held on Monday, May 2, 2016 at 5:00pm at First County Bank Conference Room, 3001 Summer Street

Present at the meeting were Commissioners Abbazia, Figueroa, Palmer and Thomas. Chief Jon Fontneau, Assistant Chief's Jim Matheny and Tom Wuennemann, Lt. Cooney, Sgts. Devanney and Pinto and Public Safety and Welfare Director Ted Jankowski

Commissioner Abbazia called the meeting to order at 5:00pm.

Review of Minutes

Commissioner Palmer made a MOTION to accept last meetings minutes and seconded by Commission Thomas. All were in favor.

Chief Fontneau stated that next month we are going to promote three Police Officers to Sgts. and we have the okay from the Mayor to hire 3 Police Officers, possibly 5.

Good Conduct by Officers:

Assistant Chief Matheny talked about the SVU tonight. This past weekend 3 of our investigators, Adrianna Molina, Robert Daly and Desiree Sheperis all came back. They had three sexual assaults that occurred between Friday night and Sunday morning. Two were aggravated assaults in domestic relationships that were very serious. One suspect has had a long history and the other was an aggravated assault regarding on going stalking case that SVU has been investigating. All three investigators has family plans this weekend and all three came back and essentially gave up their whole weekend and made three arrests and closed out these three cases. SVU takes any cases that the Bureau doesn't necessarily take so one of our Coffee with a Cop meetings that we had a few months ago, I was approached by a couple who have a beautiful home and their neighbor has a home that that is blight. So after several calls to Planning, Zoning, Fire Marshall the couple wasn't getting anywhere so I asked Robert Daly to take a look and sure enough he has had two inspections with Zoning. The Blight Enforcement Unit will be taking a looks also. The Police Department has this philosophy of not saying 'no', so Robert Daly handled this request. Good informal conversations with community.

Comments from the Public

None

Administration and Operating

Assistant Chief Wuennemann spoke about the Uniform Patrol Division; they just finished Distracted Driving Campaign. We did 20 days and wrote 500 summonses. In addition the Traffic Enforcement Unit gave another 63 Distracted Driving Tickets, so we gave over 560 tickets for that one month. The TE Unit has been doing very well with license plate readers. Just this month alone they had 13 vehicles operating without being registered. They had 74 speeding violations, 40 TCS violations-restricted turns, improper passing, etc. Correction, 30 Unregistered MVs and 13 operating without a license.

On the Uniform side the hardest thing is staffing. We are coming into the months where guys are using their vacation days. Linnehan and Pennoyer, who you have heard about before, and Officer Jentz have been making some progressive arrests during their motor vehicle stops on drug and gun arrests.

The K-9 Division has a graduation on May 9th. We will be graduating 2 dogs and one that is retiring. Now each Squad will have a K-9. So for 16 hours a day we will have a K-9 on duty. Riley will be retiring in the same ceremony as she is 8 years old.

The Marine Division is getting activated. We are starting to get a lot of paddle boarders at the BLT property which is the same channel that the barges come in. So they have been doing some enforcement and have issued 4 tickets for no floatation device.

Mighty Mites season is wrapping up which is made up of officers from different divisions. They are heading into what they call the Wilderness Weekend. They take the kids camping and this year we have 27 kids signed up. Mighty Mites is the inside basketball for the little kids on the East Side and West Side. The interaction between the community and the officers is very impressive. They have cheerleading for the girls and girls play on the basketball team also. Officer Jerry Junes heads up this program and does a great job. It is a funded program. The Police Officers donate a lot of their time.

Personnel Issues

We have six officers coming out of two academies. Four will be graduating from one academy by July 1st and 2 from another academy this month. They will be in Field Training for 12 weeks and will not count towards minimum but will be on the street with their FTO. Chief Fontneau stated that we have had 25 retirees for this year and we are expecting 15 more. We also have 4 more in the pipeline now. The Commission will see how many are showing interest in retiring at the Pension Board meeting tomorrow night.

Old/New Business:

Commissioner Abbazia asked about the testing for the Police Department. Chief Fontneau said it wasn't the Police Department's responsibility to give the test it was Human Resources. Morris and McDaniel are the vendors who will be doing the Fire and Police Department tests for everything – entry level exams right through promotional exams. They want 11 people on the Officers panel for questions and the same for Sgts. Exam. The next entry exam won't be until the fall. Director Jankowski said the last Fire Test had to be thrown out and that Morris and McDaniel came in and promised they would have everything done within a short time frame and they came through. They have tested in NYC and throughout the Nation. They make promises that they keep.

The June 6, 2016 meeting will be at 4:00pm and Commission will interview 12 Officers for the 3 open Sgt. positions.

A special June 8, 2016 meeting will be held beginning at 3:00pm to interview 25 candidates for police officer candidates.

Commissioner Palmer made a MOTION to adjourn the meeting at 5:30pm seconded by Commissioner Thomas. All were in favor.

Submitted,

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Chairman

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